(iv) On 13-4-90, a powerful bomb exploded in a bus at Prem Bari Bridge in which six persons died and 54 sustained injuries. A case has been registered u/s 302/307, 427/120-B IPC 3/4 Exp. Sub. Act and 3/4 TADA, Police Station Saraswati Vihar, Delhi. No arrest has been made so far.

(v) On 28-4-90, an explosion took place in a DTC bus at Khanpur Bus Terminal in which 3 persons died and seven were injured. A case u/s 302/307/427 IPC, 3/4 TADA and 3, 4, 5 Exp. Subs. Act has been registered. No arrest has been made so far.

(vi) On 30-4-90, a powerful bomb exploded in a bus plying between Uttam Nagar and ISBT in which two persons were killed and 32 were injured. A case u/s 302, 307, 120-A IPC, 3/4/5 Expl. Subs. Act and 3/4/5 TADA has been registered at Police Station Mangolpuri.

(B) During the investigation of these cases, the group behind the explosions has been identified. While the Crime Branch has already arrested one of them, Sub-Inspector Beant Singh, the others including Constable Gurjasbir Singh (from Delhi Police) and a terrorist, Mangal Singh from Punjab are absconding.

**Bomb Blasts in Punjab and Haryana**

2401. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of two powerful bomb blasts in Punjab (Batala) on two consecutive days *viz.* April 4-5, 1990, respectively, any special efforts have been made to effectively curb and prevent further such blasts by extremists and to apprehend the culprits, so as to restore the confidence of the people in the administration and the security arrangements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the results there of; and

(d) the details of the compensation paid to the families of deceased and the persons injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

**Discussion with Chinese Foreign Minister on Boundary issue**

2402. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made in regard to the solution of boundary issue with China during the recent visit of Chinese Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen; and

(b) whether Government propose to get the Indian territory under Chinese occupation back and redeem the solemn pledge of the Indian Parliament in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) (a) During the recent visit of the Chinese Foreign Minister, Government's intention, that discussions for a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question should continue within the Joint Working Group set up for this purpose, was conveyed clearly to the Chinese side.

(b) It is Government's intention to seek a peaceful, nego-

tiated settlement of the boundary question with China, in a manner which is in keeping with the national interest and in consonance with national sentiments.

**Constitution of High Power Committee regarding House-tax**

2402-A. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give any relief of house tax to self-occupied residential property owners as well as self-occupied commercial property owners in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have constituted any High Power Committee for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee and by when the report is likely to be given by the said Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has constituted a committee on Property Tax to study and suggest rationalisation of the Property Tax in Delhi.

(c) The terms of reference of the Committee are as under:—

(i) Special consideration for properties owned by persons in the low income group.

(ii) Consideration for self occupied residential properties of persons in the fixed income group.

(iii) Incidence of taxation on group housing flats.

(iv) Consideration for house owners, whose properties have been let out for long years at low rents.

(v) Ensure that even for owners of commercial and other properties, the incidence of property tax is not excessive when seen in conjuction with levy of other taxes.

(vi) Simplifying the procedures of assessment to avoid any harassment to property owners, and

(vii) Financial needs of the civic bodies.

The term of the Committee has been extended upto 30-6-90.

**Enhancement of Property Tax by M.C.D.**

2402-B. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Municipal Corporation had during the last financial year, enhanced the rates of property tax in respect of those M.I.G., D.D.A. Flats that have been self-occupied since April, 1973.

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per the property tax notices served on the owners of such flats for the year 1989-90, the owners had been asked to pay arrears in respect of enhanced rates w.e.f. the 1st April, 1978; and

(c) if so, under what provisions of the law the owners have been asked to pay enhanced tax and the arrears w.e.f. the 1st April, 1978?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) After the receipt of guidelines from the Delhi High Court in 1972 and from the Supreme Court in 1979 an 1984, there have been increas